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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

The regular Committee of the Whole meeting was held Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom. Attending were Council members Bridget Boyle, Ben Gillig, Dawn Iannantuono, Ken Jones, Steve Lepard and Zackery Perkins and Dan Perry. Also attending were Mayor Aaron Montz, City Administrator Dale Thornton, Law Director Howard and Finance Director Kathleen Kaufman.

Mayor Montz requested suspension of Ord. 21-18 and Ord. 21-19 as we are facing deadlines. Finance Director Kaufman explained that Ord. 21-18 has been done at the request of the auditors. They had an advance in the 2017 General Fund to the Federal Paving Program. Advances always need to be returned to the fund once the project is over, but this project was more expensive than anticipated, and it needs to be reclassified as a transfer. Ord. 21-19 is an appropriation of \$5,368.50 for the Parks Department from East Green in payment of our bill to them for some spring cleanup and signage.

Council Clerk Forrest explained that Res. 21-6 in the packet had been replaced by a corrected resolution regarding an appointment.

To Councilman Jones' question about the four petitions, Councilman Lepard explained that after the Departmental Review Sheets are returned, further discussion will be held at a Streets, Sidewalks and Sewers Committee meeting to be set at the next regular Council meeting.

President Focht said he and the Mayor sat in on a meeting with TSEP last week with national developer JLL regarding spec buildings. JLL said that on a national level, COVID had a dramatic impact on manufacturing in a positive way. A lot of businesses have begun to move back into the United States, and there is a real demand for space. The timing for our new spec building will be good, and they are surprised at how positive the economy is, and our community is well-positioned to move ahead with growth. The Mayor agreed that the City is in a very good position, and two different construction companies are in building the new spec building this year. Focht added that this would be the 4th or 5th spec building and all have been highly successful. Councilman Jones said he saw what appeared to be a new spec building in Fostoria across from POET on SR 12. President Focht noted they have done a couple in the past and actually did one before Tiffin did.

Councilman Jones stated he had signed up for the March 5th North Central Ohio Regional Council of Governments annual breakfast meeting at NCOESC, and seats were still available. State Sen. Reineke, State Rep. Click and Mayor Montz will be speakers.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Forrest, Clerk of Council.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2021

Presiding Officer of Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council